

HERMISTON

Councilor Clara Beas Fitzgerald to resign Monday

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The Hermiston City Council will accept the resignation of councilor Clara Beas Fitzgerald, vote on an updated noise ordinance and discuss staff recommendations on food trucks during a busy council meeting Monday.

Beas Fitzgerald told the *East Oregonian* she is resigning because her other duties — which include a variety of committees, a seat on the Oregon Commission for Women, a full-time job and caring for her ailing mother — had become overwhelming and she felt she was not giving the council position the time it deserved.

“I want to do something well and not just here or there,” she said.

Beas Fitzgerald, who has been a councilor since 2015, had already chosen not to run for re-election and Roy Barron was elected to fill the seat starting Jan. 1.

Usually the city would solicit applications to fill the remainder of Beas Fitzgerald’s term, but staff are recommending that the council vote to suspend the council rules in this case and appoint Barron without going through the application process, due to the shortness of the time left in the term and the fact that Barron has already been elected by the citizens of Hermiston.

Barron did not immediately return a request for comment.

On Monday the council will discuss the final results of the mobile food vending survey sent out to determine if the council should change its rules for mobile vendors, including a current cap on only three food truck licenses for the city.

Staff recommendations to be discussed Monday include changing that cap to six licenses and give the council the ability to make a motion to add more, should they determine there is a need. Additionally, the city would also have the ability to issue 90-day licenses to food trucks and smaller push carts without it counting toward the number of long-term licenses.

During Monday’s meeting the council will also be asked to consider adoption of a new noise ordinance. According to memo by city manager Byron Smith, problems with the

old noise ordinance have come to light since the construction of the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. The center is inside city limits but has drawn complaints from neighbors outside city limits, causing confusion about jurisdiction.

The proposed ordinance clarifies that it includes noises created within the city that cause “unreasonable discomfort to any individuals within the residential area from which said noises are heard.” It also throws out current language measuring the nuisance in decibel levels and instead prohibits noise that “unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of reasonable individuals of ordinary sensitivity.”

The city council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall, 180 N.E. Second St. Other items on Monday’s agenda include:

- A public hearing and council vote on an ordinance regulating accessory dwellings such as guest houses and apartments over garages or in basements. Regulations include requiring a permit, off-street parking and a separate entrance from the main dwelling.

- Council will consider authorizing the mayor and city manager to sign a financing contract with the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority for a \$4.5 million loan to construct a water tower and other water infrastructure improvements on the northeast side of town. The project is expected to lower the cost of developing housing in that area and the loan will be paid back using Enterprise Zone payments from Lamb Weston on its expansion outside of Hermiston.

- The city’s finance director will share preliminary results of the city’s financial performance during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- The council will meet as the Urban Renewal Agency to approve facade grants for 435 W. Hermiston Avenue and 201 E. Main Street.

- The council will meet in closed-door executive session to discuss negotiations for real property transactions.

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Pendleton Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates hires two new brokers

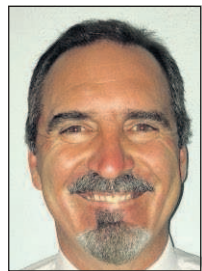
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Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates has introduced two new staff members to its team.

Jason VanNice grew up in Eastern Oregon and has worked in the golf industry in Bend and Palm Springs, California. VanNice is a golfer himself and also enjoys coaching youth sports and camping with family and friends. He “appreciates the importance of relationships and is committed to making your home buying or selling experience



VanNice



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a profitable and seamless process.”

Jud Hummel is a third generation East Oregonian. He previously owned his own business for 10 years, served three years in the Army and worked in the landscaping industry. Hummel enjoys golfing and serves on the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course board. He is also a youth minister at his church. Hummel said he “has worked with people all his life, enjoys getting to know people and finding out how he can help them.”

Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates is located 37 S.E. Dorion Ave. in Pendleton.

OBITUARIES

Fredericka Hazel ‘Freddie’ (Mitchell) Meier

Milton-Freewater
November 27, 1925 - July 17, 2018

Fredericka Hazel (Mitchell) Meier was born on Weston Mountain to Edward and Bella Mitchell on Nov. 27, 1925, the youngest of four children. The graveside service is open to all and will be held at the Weston Cemetery on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Humane Society or the M-F First Christian Church.



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She admired her brothers, Lee and Floyd, and was especially close to her sister Wavel and later to Wavel’s girls, Barbie, Rene and RoseLee.

After graduating from Weston High School in 1943, she married Harry Meier when he came home from furlough on March 23, 1944. When he went overseas, she worked in the war effort by making cots to be used by servicemen.

After the war, Freddie worked as a switch board operator for Lamb-Weston, retiring in 1990 as the manager of the Pine Creek Federal Credit Union. During those years, Freddie gave birth to Linda, Joyce and Tom. Linda died Aug. 22, 1964.

While raising her surviving children, she was active in her community of Weston, serving for a time on the planning commission and school board. When Tom played sports, she and Harry went to every game and loved being Tiger-Scot fans.

Freddie was a master seamstress and sewed for most of her life, making costumes, wedding dresses, school clothes and virtually anything that could be sewn. She loved crafting, including crocheting, knitting, beadwork and was involved in craft shows until last year.

Family was important to Freddie; she instituted Sunday family dinner and loved hosting her extended family members for Christmas Ladies’ Brunch. These events will not be the same without her and her presence will be missed.

She is survived by daughter Joyce (Tony) and son Tom (Heidi), and her three grandchildren Julie DiLorenzo (Lucius), Rebeckah Turner (Jeremy) and Erick Turner (Natalie). She leaves behind two great-granddaughters, Rylie and Adele.

Harry passed away July 24, 1984.

LOTTERY

Thursday, July 19, 2018	4 p.m.: 3-9-8-9 7 p.m.: 9-4-9-4 10 p.m.: 8-7-3-9
Lucky Lines 02-08-10-14-FREE-19-23-27-32 Estimated jackpot: \$17,000 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 0-2-0-5	Friday, July 20, 2018 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 7-5-7-9

DEATH NOTICES

Frank ‘Toab’ Ransom Sr.

Portland
July 2, 1927 - July 14, 2018

Longtime Pendleton resident Frank “Toab” Ransom Sr., 91, of Portland died Saturday, July 14, 2018, in Portland. He was born July 2, 1927, in Isola, Mississippi. Services will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Leaven Community Salt & Light Church, 5431 N.E. 20th, Portland.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JULY 23
PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING, 10 a.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. An executive session may be called during the meeting. (Brandy Warburton 541-561-3440)

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., Head Start boardroom, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Monina Ward 541-564-6878)

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Clinic conference room, 130 Thompson St., Heppner. Provider dinner at 6 p.m. followed by regular meeting at 7 p.m. (541-676-9133)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

TUESDAY, JULY 24
IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. Work session at 3:30 p.m., regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m. An executive session will be called. (541-422-7131)

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Em-

grant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutchter 541-676-9061)

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

WESTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston.

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING, 6 p.m., airport terminal conference room, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)

THURSDAY, JULY 26
WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

MILTON-FREEWATER LIBRARY BOARD, 4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-928-6252)

FRIDAY, JULY 27
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JULY 21
BARNETT, MERRITT — Graveside services at 10:30 a.m. at the Weston Cemetery.

BRANSON, JOHN — Celebration of life gathering at 10 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

CERMAK, JOHN — Services at 3 p.m. at Cedar Hills Baptist Church, 2470 S.W. Roxbury Ave., Portland.

ROGERS, ALAN — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at Grace Community Fellowship, 989 Country Club Road, Eugene.

ROSE, KYLE — Memorial service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JULY 22
No services scheduled

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TUESDAY, JULY 24
MEIER, FREDDIE — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Weston Cemetery.

O’ROURKE, LARRY — Funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew’s Mission Catholic Church, 48022 St. Andrews Road, Mission.

Firefighters battle heat, wind, blazes in several western states

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Firefighters battled heat, wind and, in one case, potential exposure to asbestos, as they battled wildfires across the western United States on Friday.

A fast-growing wildfire in the parched sage lands of central Washington state grew to more than 109 square miles on Friday, and closed a portion of eastbound Interstate 90, the state’s main east-west highway, for half the day.

There were no reports of injuries or any structures lost in the sparsely populated area.

“This is the busiest (wildfire) season we’ve ever seen in Washington,” state Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz tweeted, with more than 400 fires reported this year.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized the use of federal funds to help with costs for a wildfire burning in Grant County, Washington.

That separate fire started Thursday and has burned some 1.6 square miles of state and private land, and was 10 percent contained. At one time it threatened more than 1,000 homes and other infrastructure around the town of Desert Aire, triggering the federal aid.

There were six other large fires burning uncontrolled within Washington, and multiple others across the border in Oregon.

Authorities in Oregon said Friday that a 60-year-



Beth Nakamura/The Oregonian via AP

This photo shows an area damaged by the Substation Fire near Moro on Friday.

old homeless man found dead inside the perimeter of a wildfire in the southwest corner of the state had died in the blaze. Robert Lee Walker’s body was found Thursday but his cause of death had been unclear.

Also in Oregon, crews on Friday battled a major wildfire that had grown to 109 square miles. The Substation Fire, near The Dalles, was about 15 percent contained on Friday, fought by about 300 firefighters. It was blamed for the death of a farmer.

In Montana, specially trained firefighters wore respirators as they tackled a blaze near where asbestos-tainted vermiculite was

mined for decades. The forest fire was first discovered Thursday afternoon near the now-closed W.R. Grace Mine. It had burned about 50 acres by Friday morning.

Asbestos still lingers in the trees and soil around the mine. Breathing the fibers can lead to mesothelioma or lung cancer. The Forest Service requires firefighters to use respirators if they are going to work near the mine site.

In California, a fire just west of Yosemite National Park expanded to nearly 36 square miles on Friday. More than 2,700 firefighters aided by a fleet of helicopters were battling the Ferguson Fire but only 7 per-

cent of its perimeter was contained.

Ground crews dealt with high heat and rugged terrain with little to no access by roads, officials said. Thunderstorms with gusty winds were also a concern.

Several areas were under mandatory evacuation orders, but no homes had been damaged or destroyed.

Yosemite remained open but one of its scenic routes, Glacier Point Road, was closed indefinitely Thursday night to stage firefighters. Glacier Point overlook offers one of the park’s grand views, including Yosemite Valley and such landmarks as Half Dome and Yosemite Falls.